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To authorize checks to be drawn in favor of banking organizations for the credit of a person's account, under certain conditions.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That
3 section 3620 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C.
4 492), is amended--

5 (1) by inserting the designation "(a)" before the
6 word "Except" at the beginning thereof; and

7 (2) by adding the following new subsections at the
8 end thereof:

9 "(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other
10 provision of law, and under regulations to be pre-
11 scribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the head of
12 an agency may, upon the written request of a person
13 to whom a payment is to be made, authorize a disbursing
14 officer to make the payment--

15 "(1) by sending to the bank, savings insti-
16 tution, or Federal or State chartered credit union
17 designated by that person a check that is drawn
18 in favor of that organization and for credit to
19 the account of that person; or

20 "(2) if more than one person to whom a pay-
21 ment is to be made designates the same banking
22 organization, by sending to the organization a

1 check that is drawn in favor of the organization
2 for the total amount due those persons and by
3 specifying the amount to be credited to the
4 account of each of those persons.

5 In this subsection, 'agency' means any department,
6 agency, independent establishment, board, office,
7 commission, or other establishment in the executive,
8 legislative, or judicial branch, of the Government,
9 any wholly owned or controlled Government corporation,
10 and the municipal government of the District of
11 Columbia.

12 "(c) Payment by the United States of a check,
13 drawn in accordance with subsection (b) and properly
14 indorsed, shall constitute a full acquittance for the
15 amount due to the person requesting payment."